



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 04208.0077-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Mokoto SHOZAKAI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2654  
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Application No. 09/380,563 ) Examiner: ARMSTRONG, A. A.  
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Filed: September 3, 1999 )  
) Confirmation No. 2773  
For: SPEECH PROCESSING )  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
IMPROVING SPEECH QUALITY )  
AND SPEECH RECOGNITION )  
PERFORMANCE )

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and fulfills the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The Amendment is in further response to the Final Office Action mailed March 10, 2006, the period for response which extends through August 10, 2006 by a Petition for Extension of Time (two months) and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows. Applicants also request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.